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Virginia Crop Production Report Shows Mixed Results

RICHMOND, Va. – The U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) released the November Crop Production report today. Results are based on a survey of farmers earlier in the month.

"Yield forecasts were mixed when compared with a month ago," said Herman Ellison, Virginia state statistician. "Prospects for cotton decreased based on November 1 conditions, while soybeans increased and corn and peanuts were unchanged from previous month. As of October 28, corn, peanut and cotton harvest progressed ahead the normal pace while soybeans advanced behind normal.

Corn production in **Virginia** is forecast at 48.8 million bushels, unchanged from the October forecast and up 3 percent from the previous crop. Yield was estimated at 148.0 bushels per acre, unchanged bushels from last month and up 8.0 bushels from the 2017 level. Acres for harvest as grain were estimated at 330,000 acres, down 10,000 acres from 2017. The **U.S.** corn production is forecast at 14.6 billion bushels, down 1 percent from the October forecast and up slightly from 2017. Based on conditions as of November 1, yields are expected to average 178.9 bushels per acre, down 1.8 bushels from last month and up 2.3 bushels from 2017. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 81.8 million acres, unchanged from the October forecast and down 1 percent from 2017.

Soybean production for **Virginia** is forecast at 26.0 million bushels, up 2 percent from the October forecast and unchanged from 2017. Yield was estimated at 44.0 bushels per acre, up 1.0 bushel from last month and unchanged bushels from a year ago. Acreage for harvest as beans was estimated at 590,000 acres, unchanged from the previous year. **U.S.** soybean production is forecast at 4.60 billion bushels, down 2 percent from the October forecast and up 4 percent from last year. Based on November 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 52.1 bushels per acre, down 1.0 bushels from last month and up 2.8 bushels from last year. Area for harvest is forecast at 88.3 million acres, down slightly from the October forecast and down 1 percent from 2017.

Virginia cotton production is projected to be 195,000 bales, down 5 percent from the October forecast and up 2 percent from last year. Cotton yields are forecast to average 965 pounds per acre, down 49 pounds from last month and down 145 pounds per acre from the previous year. Producers expect to harvest 97,000 acres, unchanged from the October forecast and up 14,000 acres from 2017. **U.S.** cotton production was forecast at 18.4 million 480-pound bales, down 7 percent from the October forecast and down 12 percent from 2017. Yields are forecast to average 852 pounds per acre, down 49 pounds from last month and down 53 pounds from last year. Upland cotton production is forecast at 17.6 million 480-pound bales, down 13 percent from 2017. Pima cotton production is forecast at 771,000 480-pound bales, up 10 percent from 2017.

Peanut farmers in **Virginia** anticipate harvesting 98.4 million pounds for 2018, down 18 percent from last year. Acres expected to be harvested total 24,000 acres, down 3,000 from last year. Producers expect a yield of 4,100 pounds per acre, down 340 pounds from 2017. National peanut production is forecast to be 5.47 billion, down 23 percent from last year. Acres harvested are projected to total 1.35 million acres, down 24 percent from the previous year. Yields are anticipated to average 4,066 pounds per acre, up 59 pound per acre from 2017.

Survey responses for this report were collected around November 1. "I want to thank the producers for taking time to provide data for this report," Ellison said.